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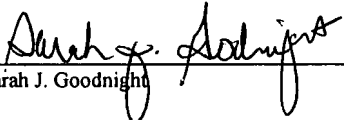
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No. : 10/613,646
Filed : July 2, 2003
Title : SURGICAL RETRACTOR CLAMP
CONNECTABLE TO AN ARM OF
THE RETRACTOR

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application, together with one (1) Replacement Sheet for formal drawings.

☒ No additional claim fees are required.

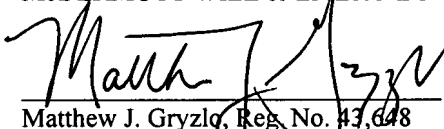
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Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 6, 2007

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 6, 2007. In the Office Action the Examiner set a shortened statutory period, expiring on July 6, 2007. This Response is being submitted within the shortened statutory time period. Accordingly, no additional fee is required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.